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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Yutaka AWAJIYA et al.
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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S I R :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2008, which is a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121. The term for responding to the Office Action is extended three months by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed concomitantly herewith to expire on May 7, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the original title with the following amended title:

~~IMMERSION NOZZLE FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF STEEL AND~~
METHOD ~~[[OF]]~~ FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF STEEL